

Remarks

This is in response to the Official Action of July 28, 2005.

In response to the requirement for restriction, applicants hereby elect the claims of **GROUP I** (claims 1-9) for substantive examination.

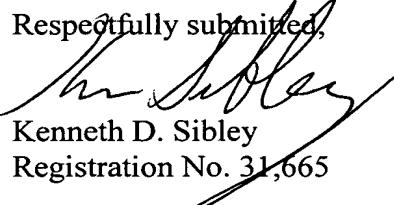
Claims to **GROUPS II, III, and IV** are cancelled herein, without prejudice to the filing of a divisional application thereon.

The restriction requirement as to **GROUPS V AND VI** is respectfully traversed. It is respectfully submitted that these groups relate to group I as methods of using a compound, and should be examined together with group I in accordance with MPEP §806.05(h). Reconsideration is respectfully requested. The Examiner's reminder of the possibility of rejoinder on pages 9-10 of the official action is acknowledged with appreciation.

In response to the requirement for an election of species, applicants hereby elect **SPECIES A**, the species of **SEQ ID NO: 4** (encoding Erythropoietin receptor isoform 1), for substantive examination. This election is made on the understanding that, on the finding of an allowable species, examination will continue with the non-elected species until all species have been examined or a non-allowable species is found. Claims 1-2, 7-9 and 17-24 are currently readable upon the elected species.

It is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for substantive examination and allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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